

ACTIVITIES FILL AMA SENIOR'S LAST DAYS

SALUTE TO CONFEDERACY—THEME OF 1955 FINAL BALL



Latin America – Theme Of 1955 Final Ball Dance

"A Salute to Latin America" will be the theme of the 55th Annual Final Ball to be held in Memorial Gymnasium, Monday Evening, June 6.

Red, white and blue crepe paper will be used to decorate the side wall of the gym while the ceiling will be of blue aluminum through the courtesy of the Reynolds Aluminum Co. of Richmond, Va.

At the four corners of the gym there will be 4 huge white columns from the floor to the ceiling. Also at the same corners will be trellise covered Spanish Moss and white gardenias.

The eight figure leaders will be dressed in Latin American Costumes while their dates will be in (Continued On Page 4)

Drills, Movies, Sermon, Buffet Supper, Other Events Keep Cadets, Dates, Parents Amused

Governor Thomas B. Stanley, Richmond, Va., will deliver the address to the members of the graduating class of 1955, Tuesday, June 7.

The opening event of the Final Exercises will be Moving Pictures Friday evening, June 3.

The highlight of Saturday, June 4 will be the Final Celebration of the Ciceronian and Junior Literary Societies at 7:00 p. m.

Other activities on this same day will be Guard Mount by "D" Co.; Packing of trunks and the distribution of the Recalls; Exhibition Drill by the Roller Rifles, and Dress Parade.

There will be an Ad Astra Per Aspera dance at 9:00.

Sunday, June 5

Sunday Morning at 11:00 in the Old Stone Church the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Rev. David H. Burr of the Charlottesville, Va., Presbyterian Church.

In the afternoon there will be a Full Dress Parade followed by the Sacred Concert in the Circle by the Academy Band.

At 6:30 there will be a Reception to the Members of the Senior Class, their parents, patrons of the school, alumni and faculty at White Hall.

At 8:00 the Final Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. will take place in the Assembly Hall where Rev. James A. Allison, Jr., will be the speaker Installation of the new elected officers for the session 1955-56 will take place.

Sunday will come to a close with a Practice Final Ball Figure in the Memorial Gymnasium.

Monday, June 6

Monday the feature of the morning activities will be the Competitive Drill for the Platoon Cup at 11:00.

At 2:00 p. m. competition among

all Companies for the honor of having their name inscribed on the Silver Cup will be in order. Following this there will be an Individual Competitive Drill.

At 4:30 the Graduate's Parade will be held.

The Final Ball will begin at 9:30 in the Memorial Gymnasium.

Tuesday, June 7

Tuesday the closing exercises will take place in Memorial Gymnasium where Gov. Stanley will address the assembled audience. Certificates, diplomas, Prizes, Medals and Military and Athletic Honors will be awarded at this time by Col. C. S. Roller, Jr.

First Captain F. E. Wirkus will deliver the Valedictory, after which the cadet corps and friends will assemble in front of the barracks where the presentation of watches and swords to the company captains will be made.

Auld Lang Syne by the academy band will bring the 1954-55 session to a close.

Summer School Session Will Begin June 20th

Camp Kannata, the official Summer School of Augusta, will begin its session on Monday, June 20 and will close on August 1.

The faculty for the summer school will be Col. H. D. Deane, Director, Capt. Glenn Koogler, Capt. C. E. Savedge and Capt. Jimmy Taylor.

All subjects in the curriculum will be offered as in the past with the emphasis on mathematics and English. New subjects for advanced standing at this and other schools will be available as well as make-up work in subjects which have been failed.

School will be held in the mornings with study hour in the evenings for every day except Sunday. Afternoons will be devoted to all sports such as baseball, swimming, boating, camping, fishing, hiking (day and overnight), badminton, etc.

As the enrollment is fast approaching the limit to be taken, Col. Deane suggests that you contact him as soon as possible.

Geological Surveyst Presents Slide Talk On "Glaciology"

"Glaciology of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska" was the subject of a slide lecture given to the cadet corps in the Assembly Room, April 7 by Dr. C. C. Fisher, Editor of the Virginia Mineral Magazine and Virginia Geological Surveyst.

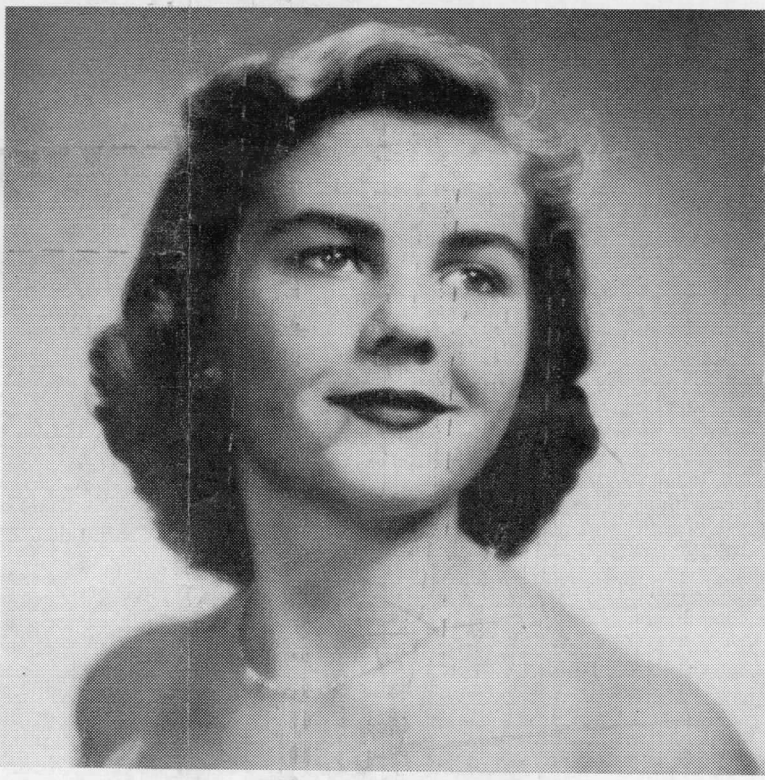
This lecture was secured for the school through the efforts of Capt. C. E. Savedge, instructor in geology.

SECOND PRINCESS TO THE QUEEN



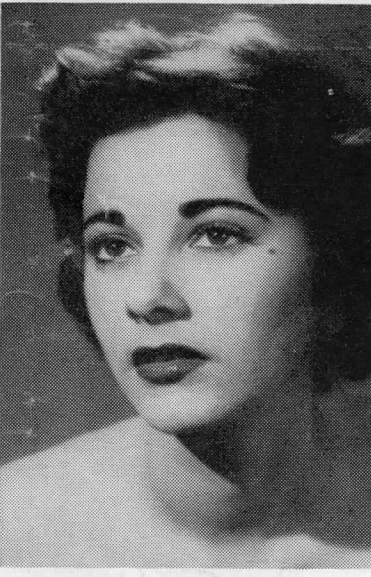
Miss Kathrine Bonfoey

THE AUGUSTA GIRL FOR 1955



Miss Mary Louise Oliver

FIRST PRINCESS TO THE QUEEN



Miss Ann Kauffman

Third Place

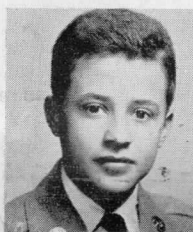


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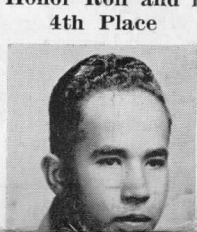
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3rd Place

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D. Gonzales stood 4th with a mark of 94 in the same subject.

Medals will be awarded to the 1st and 3rd place winners and prizes will be made to others in the same contest.

Prizes and medals will be presented at Final Exercises June 7.

Class Valedictorian Name By Captains

line companies to be the Valedictorian of the Class of 1955.

He will deliver his speech as the final number on the Commencement Day Exercises, June 2, in Memorial Gymnasium.

Five Augusta Cadets Win Honors In State Language Contests; Prizes, Medals Awarded

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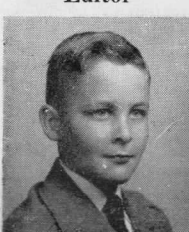
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Steve Tomasek Will Head 1955-56 Bayonet, Recall

Steve Tomasek will head the Recall and Bayonet for 1955-56 according to an announcement by the Editor



when the fall term begins in Sept.

Tomasek was a member of the Tiger and Varsity Football teams, Varsity Basketball and Baseball teams; a Second Lieutenant in "D" Co.; Honor Roll, Roller Rifles, etc.

Headmaster, Assistants Attend Private School Association Meeting

Lt. Col. H. D. Deane, Lt. Col. W. L. Gardner, Major P. V. Hoover and Capt. C. E. Savedge attended the meeting of the Private Schools of Virginia at the University of Virginia, April 25.

The principal speaker was Dr. T. V. Smith of Syracuse University.

Miss Mary L. Oliver Reigns As Augusta Girl For '55 At Annual Spring Formal Pin-Up Dance

Miss Mary Louise Oliver, of Gadsen, Ala., a sophomore at Stuart Hall School, Staunton, Va., was crowned the 12th Pin-Up Queen by Col. Charles S. Roller, Jr., at the Pin-Up Dance, held May 6 in Memorial Gymnasium.

Miss Oliver, escorted by Cadet Warren White, was preceded in the Pin-Up Figure by the three princesses, Miss Ann Kauffman with Cadet Jimmy Mahanes, Miss Kathrine Bonfoey with Cadet F. E. Wirkus and Miss Carol Whyte with Cadet Jack Genau.

The procession was through a rose-covered arch leading to the Ballroom. Cadet Edward Crawford entered just before the Queen and marched to the stage, carrying on a royal purple pillow, the crown of gold, silver and rubies.

Miss Oliver was greeted by the president of the Cotillion Club, Cadet Ed Burke, who escorted the Queen and her Escort through the royal sabre arch formed by the officers of the Cotillion Club and the Decorating Committee.

Col. Roller welcomed Miss Oliver to the academy and then crowned Miss Mary Louise Oliver, Queen of

the Augusta Military Academy and the Augusta Girl for 1955.

Picture of Third Princess will be found on Page 4, Col. 5.

ARMED FORCES DAY IS TO SHOW OUR POWER FOR PEACE

The purpose of Armed Forces Day is a public recognition for the 3.5 million men and women in uniform today and for our 12 million veterans.

It is also a time to take stock of our military resources and why we need them. We are still in an "Age of Peril" as the Communist threat today is just as great as today as it has ever been. The new Soviet Leaders have no desire for peace as their actions in Korea, Germany and Indo-China have shown.

They talk peace and at the same time increase their armed strength.

Our own Army is being reduced while our Air Power is being increased with precautionary measure for home defense is being built up.

Our Navy is being reduced while the emphasis is being placed on atomic devices and jet aircraft power. The same can be said of the Marine Corps.

We are committed to the NATO not only as a protection to ourselves but as an aid to world peace.

Our Forces in the Pacific are there to help maintain peace.

Although we are striving for peace as we are doing, we cannot place peace in the hearts of foreign rulers. Thus by remaining strong ourselves we can possibly deter the aggressive actions of others.

Thus Armed Forces Day is to show to you and the world our desire for peace.

SENIORS! YOUR MOST IMPORTANT CONTEST IS YET TO COME

Time . . . late morning, June 7th. Place . . . Memorial Gymnasium. A name called, a short walk to the stage, a warm handshake and a presentation of a piece of paper, then it's all over. No more work, you've graduated! But is it over, really over, that is? Are you through with work for good? No, my friends, you are far from it. In fact, the hard work is just about to begin and I don't mean the work you will do in College. It is the work that will tell whether you are to be a success in life or not. The graduation exercises are called commencement, and there may be good advice behind that for all of us. To commence means to start and that is exactly what you are about to do and don't let anyone be fool enough to tell you that it's all over. In the past relatively few years that you have attended school; all schooling, that is; you have been preparing for the things to come, not to pass those

tests. You are about to enter life and in this life you must apply that knowledge that you are supposed to have secured. If, by any chance you failed to do so, then my friend, blame no one but yourself. The knowledge was there, all you had to do was take it, and if you have gotten it, don't waste it by slowing up. Use every single bit that has come your way to the best of your ability and success is all but yours. The game of life is just like an athletic contest when you come right down to it. For a long while you train and prepare yourself for the trial to come, then you are pitted against others in your class and the one that has trained the hardest and has taken advantage of every opportunity, emerges the victor. It is the same way in life only on a much bigger scale. Let's hope that you have trained yourself well. Now my friends . . . win the big contest.

SUPPORT YOUR FINAL BALL

On June 6th, Augusta's greatest Final Ball in fifty-five years will be presented by the Final Ball Committee. The most lavish, spectacular decorations will adorn the gym that have ever been seen here. A splendid orchestra will play while the greatly impressive figure is going on. It will be a great occasion—or will it?

It will be great if you will support it. It's your Final Ball to support and enjoy. It's up to you to make it a success!

STUDY FOR THOSE EXAMS

On June 7th we will know whether our exams have proved fatal or whether they are successful. Right now is the time to study and not "cram" right before exam. While walking around the barracks during study hour, you will find cadets eating, sleeping, playing ball, or even reading comic books. By no means will this make their summer happy or their year successful. We have only two weeks till exams, and if we don't study now we will suffer in the end. Now and only now is the time to prepare yourself for the final test. There are many of us who have failed our past exams and all depends on what we do for the rest of the year. We are on the home stretch and there is one alternative and that is to get down to some real, honest, hard work. It's now or never!!!!

HISTORY IS A REPETITION OF EVENTS "THE AMA SALUTORIAN ADDRESS OF 1912"

Ideals 43 years Ago Still Applicable Today

Below is reproduced the salutatory address given at final exercises on June 4, 1912 by Thomas F. Clemmer, Middlebrook, Va., now deceased.

It is of particular interest that you notice the changes that have been made in the school and also what Mr. Clemmer says about athletics.

"Honorable Principals, Pastor, members of the faculty, loyal alumni, cadets, ladies and gentlemen.

We are assembled here tonight to receive the reward for our labors of the past school year, and it is a great pleasure to see so many of our alumni, patrons, and kind friends present at this final exercise.

This exercise may become tiresome to some, but each cadet is anxiously, yes, proudly awaiting his turn to march to Colonel Roller's desk for the last time and receive the reward for his work. The men who receive distinctions have been working hard, earnestly, and conscientiously since September and those who are awarded medals have been striving to attain this honor for two or three years.

Fellow cadets, do you realize that you are nearly twice as large now as you were on the twentieth of September? You may say, "I weight the same". Perhaps you do, in pounds, but men of these days are weighed in a different way. Integrity and manhood are the qualities which are needed to balance the scales. You have been under strict military discipline and consequently you have learned to respect your superiors. The athletics have developed you physically and the coaches have taught you the scientific points when you only dreamed of brute strength. Brute strength is a great thing, but unless you know how to use it, you can accomplish nothing.

All the men who have received their monograms have served faithfully and great praise is due the

athlete who devotes all his leisure time to athletics, which help to advertise the institution.

AMA has another great characteristic. It is spirit. Our school is different from that of many Academies. Here the popular definition is, "Win or lose, we are with you". When we are losing we do not say "come on fellows, we are making a bad impression", nor do we "carouse" and carry players from the field on our shoulders when we have won, but this is the spirit of AMA. They sing the same songs with the same vigor and enthusiasm when we are being defeated as when we are winning. Dear Friends, "Anyone can smile when he is victorious, but it is a man who smiles at defeat."

As cadets you have been entrusted with this spirit and it has become a part of your better self. Carry it with you wherever you go and demonstrate it. The world needs men with this kind of spirit and men who have for their motto "Win or lose, I am still in the game". And the game of life is very similar to a game of football. Some of us will not return to this dear old school again. Some will attend colleges and universities, others will engage in active business affairs. There is a time

coming when you will not be governed by military discipline nor will a bugle arouse you from your warm bed, but forever be punctual and industrious. If you disregard this it will show to others that your foundations have been lacking and this is false because every cadet here has been placed in the royal road to success and all you have to do is drive straight.

Above all forever be true to your preparatory school, your first love; be loyal to the blue and white and remember the saying that you have heard many times. "The latc'n string always hangs on the out side".

VALEDICTORIAN

With this—the last issue of the Bayonet—it is only fitting that we pay tribute to First Captain Faustin E. Wirkus who will deliver the Valedictory on June 7.

He has already graduated so he does not have that to worry about. With his Valedictory he will bring to an end a Career of Record of Achievement that has never been equalled at Augusta.

He has had his good and his disappointments while here at Augusta but he leaves with us that rare something which none can define but which comes with the feeling of satisfaction after a task well done.

The only thing we can do or say is "Well done Good and Faithful, F. E." And we mean that—just that, from the bottom of our heart.

THE BAYONET STAFF

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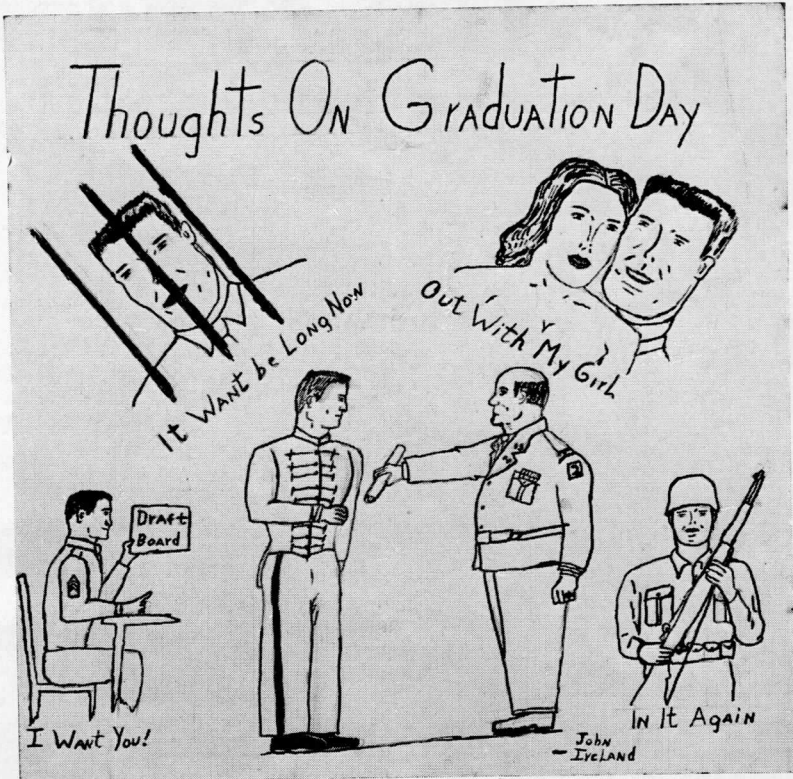
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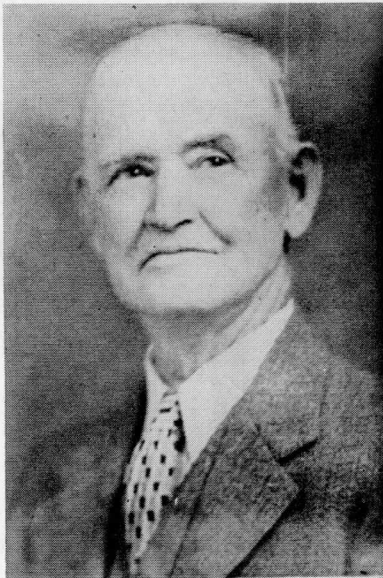
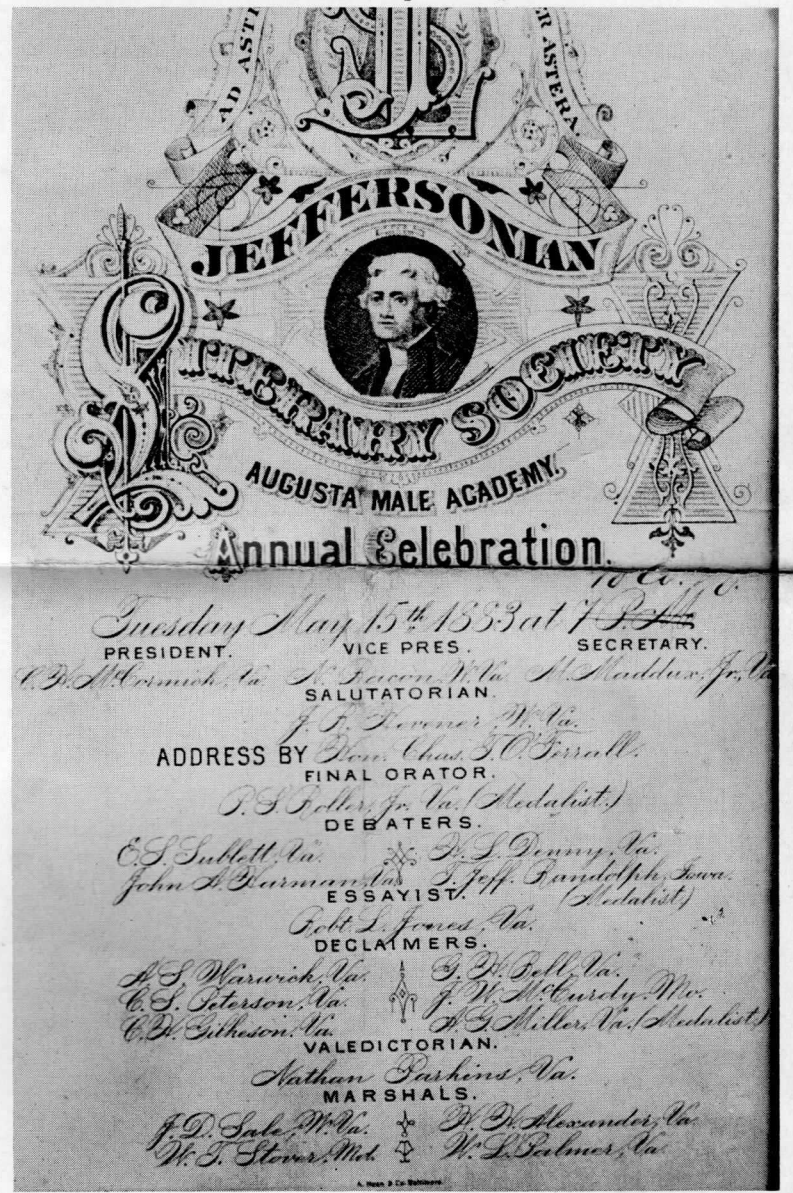
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Jeffersonian Literary Program Of 1883



OLDEST LIVING ALUMNUS

This is the picture of the oldest living alumnus, Stuart Peterson who was graduated from Augusta in 1869. He is now living with his daughter in Orange, N. J. and he has written the academy that he plans to be on hand for Finals this year.

The Spotlight

By Steve Tomasek
Bayonet Sports Editors

THEY'RE OUR TEAMS, WIN OR LOSE!

As we look back on the past year's sport history, we discover that we have made a long recovery in the correct direction. The record as a whole shows that we shall have good teams next session and for the years to come.

Our policy of no scholarships is beginning to pay dividends for each sport made great strides with even greater ones in prospect.

FOOTBALL: The record is fair to all who have seen them in action but it was the best in 4 years with the outlook very bright for 1955.

BASKETBALL: This team did not live up to what was expected of them. They won only 1 game but we'll be watching them very closely in 1956.

FENCING: Despite a green team their win and loss record was better than last season's team but the outlook is extremely bright as the entire team with the exception of 1 man returns.

SWIMMING: The record proves that we did have a good team but that it takes years to build up a

consistently winning team. All but two will return.

RIFLE: This year's team was undoubtedly the best one in years and in our opinion the best record team of the year. The win at V.P.I. was the sweetest music this year.

BASEBALL: This team had a fine season. Among many things which it won was the FIRST baseball game in 4 years. A lot of experiences was acquired and ten members of the squad will be returning.

LACROSSE: Probably the best developed team of the year for the ystarted from almost nothing and then came along fast to defeat almost the strongest JV or Frosh team in the state—the W-L outfit. Then, too, 11 players will be returning.

TENNIS: For the really few who were interested in this sport they showed remarkable development that predicts a rosy future next year.

Naturally, you all will not agree with all I say but then this is just one man's opinion. So long.

A GREEN LACROSSE TEAM THAT MADE HISTORY AGAINST ITS COLLEGIATE OPPONENTS



REAR—Dick Mower, Bill Johnston, Jimmy Mahanes, Galen Metro, Roy Pope, Jimmy Eye, Tim Englehart, Elliot Parker. **FRONT**—Jack Lovell, Dick Clotfelter, George Petty, Buddy Cooper, Dick Cowell, Jack Mangin, Paul Ebersberger.

THE FIGHTING MOUNDSMEN THAHT FOUGHT EVERY MINUTE OF THE GAME



REAR—Captain Cyrus Gibbs (Coach), Mel Peeler, Chuck Hollingsworth, Ken Purks, Dave Meremick, Roger Quimby. **MIDDLE**—Dick Llewellyn, James Hollar, Steve Tomasek, Harry Sommers, Adrian Howard. **FRONT**—T. C. Lea, Chuck Marshall, Forest Sheffer, Steve Rodgers, Bruce Haynes, Frank McAllister.

Baseball Team Wins Three Games To Put End To Losing Streak

Fishburne 12—AMA 5

Fine hurling by Fishburne's Ed Queen enabled the FMS baseball team to defeat AMA. Charley Marshall was the losing pitcher as he allowed 6 runs in the first three innings. The leading hitter for Augusta was Charles Hollingsworth who collected two hits.

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AMA 3—VSDB 1

Augusta broke its losing streak by defeating VSDB on the excellent pitching of Forrest Sheffer. Sheffer allowed but four hits in the seven innings played at the Clay Bowl. Sheffer struck out 9 men and walked three.

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AMA 7—RMA 4

Behind the flawless pitching of Forrest Sheffer, Augusta won its second game of the year by whipping Randolph Macon at AMA. Sheffer struck out seven and walked 2. Steve Tomasek, Frank McAllister, and Mel Peeler, each drove in 2 runs.

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AMA 10—Miller School 6

Augusta had its hitting shoes on when it ventured to Miller School as it collected 11 hits, good for 10 runs. Frank McAllister, AMA's first basemen, drove in four runs. The winning pitcher was Forrest Sheffer, who allowed but six hits, walked three, and struck out 11 men.

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Fishburne 8—Augusta 3

Bobby Eanes came in relief in the first inning and put out the fire for the inning and the game. Eanes, usually Fishburne's third basemen allowed three scattered hits and struck out seven. Augusta's losing pitcher was Forrest Sheffer. McAllister was the big gun for AMA with his two hits for two times at bat.

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VES 13—AMA 3

Blair Farinholt proved to be too much for the Augusta nine, as he pitched a splendid five hitter at VES. Augusta jumped off to a fast start in the second inning with 2 hits and one run, but VES came right back in their half with seven runs on four hits to regain the lead. Charley Marshall was credited with the loss.

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RMA 8—AMA 4

Five costly errors cost the AMA nine its second victory over Randolph Macon, as they lost on the Front Royal field 8-4. The big blow for AMA was Charley Hollingsworth's opening pitch homer to deep left field. AMA fought back in the fourth inning to overcome a three to one score, but in the fifth inning, three errors in a row cost them the game. Sheffer allowed but 8 hits and walked only two while going the nine inning route. Again Big Mel Peeler led the 10 hit barrage, by hitting a double an dtwo singles and driving in two runs.

Our baseball team has come a long way this year under the fine

Wirkus Wins Highest N.R.A. Rifle Award

Cadet First Captain F. E. Wirkus was recently awarded the Distinguished Rifleman Medal of the National Rifle Association.

When asked to explain what it takes to make this score, Major J. V. Christy stated: "the bullseye or 10 ring is about the size of the end of a pencil eraser. Firing two shots at each bullseye, the firer must score not less than 10 points out of 20 on each target fired from the prone and sitting positions.

Va. Episcopal Edges Augusta Tennis Team

Augusta's tennis team finally got going and forced the Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, Va., netters to the limit before going down in defeat 4-3, Wednesday, May 11.

These were the first sets won by the Blue and White team this season when Tony Webster defeated Bud Rand 6-2 and 6-2.

Diego Arria won from Bob Fritz 6-0, 4-6, and 6-4.

The other win came in the doubles with Webster and Arria teaming up to defeat Fritz and Rand.

Episcopal's Tom Nash defeated Peyton Jefferson (A) 6-3, 6-4; Gene Hutzitz defeated John Jefferson (A) 6-2, 6-2; Warren White defeated Ed Burke (A) 6-4 and 6-3.

W-L J.V. Lacrosse Men Upsets Hoover Men; 4-3 In Thrilling Contest

Washington and Lee's Jayvee Lacrosse team finally edged the Augusta Stick Slingers 4-3 after being fortunate to tie up the score to 3-3 which threw the game into an overtime which gave them time to tally one more for the victory. The date was May 13.

This game was played in a down-pour of rain which made both teams wary as to pressing their opponents with too much force.

Bud King of W-L scored the first goal early in the 2nd period after being held scoreless in the initial period. Augusta came back strong and Jimmy Mahanes eluded his man and tossed in the tying tally.

The half ended with the score 1-1. Early in the third quarter Mahanes again scored to put Augusta ahead 2-1. This lead was held until the last quarter when Don Mead sank another past Buddy Cooper, the Augusta goalie. Then Roy Pope starting from his own goalline went unmolested down the field to put Augusta ahead again. Just as the half ended Mead scored again with 3 Augusta players out of the game on penalties to tie the score and put the game into overtime.

In the 2nd overtime period Mead scored again to win the game for his teammates.

Outstanding for Augusta was Roy Pope on the attack and Buddy Cooper as goalie for he made about 25 saves, any one of which could have lost the game.

For W-L Bud King was by far the star until the Augusta midfield tied him up, preventing his further scoring. After that it was Don Mead.

Line-ups:

Augusta—Cooper (goal); defense—Babione, Ray, Johnston, Eberberger; midfield—Pope, Parker, Mahanes, Mower, Eye; attack—Petty, Clotfelter, Metro; Washington and Lee—Masinter (goal); defense—Freedman, Niven, Russell, Joffer, Hall; midfield—Suskin, Golden, King; attack—Luo is, Leona, Mead, Goodman.

coaching of Capt. Gibbs. The team next year should be a true winning team with such players returning as Forrest Sheffer, Steve Rodgers, Frank McAllister, Charley Hollingsworth and Harry Sommers. In future years our team will show development and make the cadets and faculty even more proud of them than they are at the present.

Augusta Rifle Team Wins VPI Invitational Sharp Shooter Contest

With the high score of 1348, the Augusta Rifle Team won the Invitational Rifle Match held at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va., on April 16.

Just before the team left for Blacksburg, the Military Department of Augusta was notified that the Augusta Rifle team had won the the Second Army Interscholastic Match.

Augusta came in first in the V.P.I. Meet and also won individual high scorings for 2nd and 3rd places with F. E. Wirkus and Howard Harner making 366 and 366.

2nd Place



F. E. Wirkus

Harner made a

86 in this position.

Staunton Military Academy came in 2nd with the score of 1291 and Greenbrier Military School came in 3rd and 4th as they entered 2 teams against one for each of the other two schools. Greenbrier scored 1214 and 1206. Staunton's Byrd won Individual Honors with his 367—just one point higher than Augusta's Wirkus and Harner.

Individual scores for the winning Augusta team were: Wirkus, 366; Harner, 366; Elliot Parker, 358; Wycliffe Jackson, 358, Edward Daghtrey, 356. Bruce Owen shot a 337 and Spencer Pupo shot a 352.

In the Second Army Interscholastics, Augusta fired a total of 7048 out of 8000 points to win in the Second Army area which comprises the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia.

After winning the Second Army matches, Augusta's team was invited to fire in the National Matches and on April 27 fired a total of 7170 out of 8000.

Suitland High School Ten Edges A.M.A. Lacrosse Men

Before a crowd of 1800 enthusiastic students of Suitland High School, Md., the largest crowd ever to witness a prep school lacrosse game in the vicinity of Washington, Augusta went down to defeat by the score of 4-3—the identical score by which they lost a previous encounter on May 1.

The game was nip and tuck throughout the entire contest with the penalties deciding in favor of the victors and against the team which held possession of the ball for 70% of the game.

Augusta took the opening face-off and went down the field only to lose a golden opportunity to score when a poor pass from Parker to Petty went wild. Suitland, however, was unable to tally until the closing minutes of the first half when Tom Baker shot one past Bud Cooper.

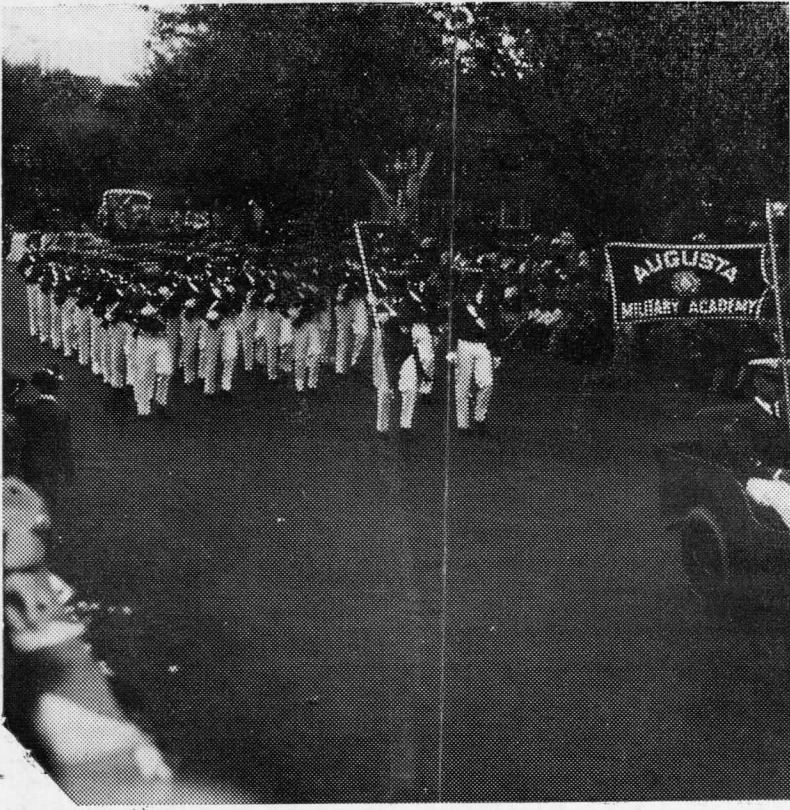
Just as the second half began Jimmy Eye, Augusta midfielder, shot one past the Suitland goalie to tie up the score. This brought a spurt on both sides with Dick Shelton scoring for Suitland and Jimmy Mahanes for Augusta.

In the 4th and final period Suitland scored twice with Art Hennison and Tom Cannon making goals while Roy Pope made the third and final tally for Augusta.

Again as in previous encounters penalties hurt Augusta for in their eagerness to follow instructions they fouled which gave the advantage to their opponents.

Line-ups: Augusta — Cooper (goal); defense: Babione, Ebersberger, Johnston; midfield—Pope, Parker, Mahanes, Eye, Mangin; attack: Clotfelter, Petty, Metro, Cowell, Lovell, J.

ROLLER RIFLES ON PARADE AT APPLE BLOSSOM FETE



Miss Linda Roller In Cast Of Converse College May Day Story, Dance Event

Miss Linda Morman Roller, daughter of Mrs. S. S. Wales and granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. C. S. Roller, Jr., was a member of the cast of "Sleeping Beauty"—the story-in-dance to be featured at May Day at Converse College, Spartansburg, S. C., April 30.

The crowning of the May Queen took place in the college's 500 seat amphitheatre. The identity of the queen was not made known until she appeared for the ceremony.

The May Day Ball followed later in the evening after an out-door buffet supper in the college gardens.

Inspecting Officials Express Approval Of Military Program

Visiting officers who spent, April 22 at A. M. A. for the annual Government Inspection expressed pleasure at what they saw of the plant, program and records and were highly complimentary of the Cadet Corps, according to Major James V. Christy, P.M.S.&T.

Inspecting officers who arrived at 8:30 A. M. and remained until after 4:30 P. M. All are infantry officers now on duty as P.M.S.&T. They are Col. R. W. Booth, graduate of West Point and P.M.S.&T. of Duquesne University, Lt. Col. E. L. Lash, graduate of Kansas University and P.M.S.&T. of Youngstown College, Lt. Col. J. B. State College and P.M.S.&T. of Ohio State University, and Warrant Officer E. Zaharian from John Carroll University.

Following a conference with the P.M.S.&T. and the Principal, a review and inspection of rifles took place. Then, an inspection of the physical plant and Government property took place.

The early afternoon was spent in the observation of teaching and training methods in the military department.

The inspection came to a close with a performance by the Roller Rifles concluding with a "Dress Parade."

Presenting Mrs. Thompson Our School Nurse

"Have a headache?" "Cut your finger?" "Is that cold bothering you?" When that thought comes to your mind, you think of our school nurse, Mrs. Annie R. Thompson, who has been at Augusta for eighteen years.

Mrs. Thompson was House Mother at The Blue Ridge School, Blue Ridge, Va., before she returned to Augusta.

She is always busy helping someone; shaking a thermometer to take that temperature so necessary to be eligible to enter the infirmary; giving the boys juice or medicine.

Her duties as a nurse call for an ingenuity that would tax the mind of ordinary individuals. Her job includes having the infirmary kept in a spotless condition; giving advice to love-sick cadets; chaperoning the numerous dances "J" Barracks boys out of trouble (a job that requires ten heads).

She possesses many hobbies and two new ones which are quite interesting: raising canaries, oil painting and television.

When her parakeet died, she felt lost and then she was given two canaries to replace the dead bird: one a male and the other a female. One day she left them in the same cage and a week later an egg a day appeared in the nest for four days.

Interest throughout the entire school perked up and then then day the first egg hatched; then the second and finally the third and last. The fourth egg was thrown away as it never produced.

Imagine an animal the size of your nail on your thumb? Then full grown size two weeks later and larger than original mother and father.

Can they eat? hey sure can—Mrs. Thompson made them a hard boiled egg a day and this would constitute their daily diet. They thrived on it!

In her other spare time she makes wonderful oil painting and she has sold quite a number to the cadets.

Her most recent hobby is the acquisition of a Motorola TV set which delights all who must come to the infirmary and many others who come for that pill.

Augusta owes much to her.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Baseball

Baseball was first played at Augusta in 1880!

Games were played with Fishburne and Staunton Military Academy.

Football

Football came to the University of Virginia in 1887. It was brought to Augusta from that institution by J. R. Curtis. The first real game was played here in 1893.

The late Col. Tom Roller and his brother, Dr. Roller, played in the backfield of this "first" eleven. Col. C. S. Roller was a sub as he was to small at that time.

At that time games were played at first with Locustdale Academy and another little known school. A year later Staunton added the sport and rivalry began between the two schools.

Fishburne started the sport in 1901 when Col. Hudgins came to this school.

"R" And "A"

From 1865 until 1912 the school was known far and wide by the name "Roller's School". Thus the latter and monogram "R" appeared on sweaters of the pictures now in the library.

Just as this school was known as "Roller's School", so was Staunton recognized as "Kable's School" after the founder, Bill Kable.

The Augusta Salute

The tradition of an Augusta cadet always saluting all cars on the highways began back in 1920 when Frank Gilliam, now dean of students at Washington and Lee University, was walking with a group of cadets and some ladies on horseback came riding by.

He suggested that the cadets salute the ladies and the idea grew out of this suggestion.

Sunday Night Letters

The requirement of each cadet writing home to his parents every Sunday evening started in 1920 and is recognized as one of the finest traits of a true gentleman.

Sunday Night Supper

Nowadays it is our custom on Sunday evening to permit voluntary retirement for supper formation. This was suggested by our present assistant commandant, Lt. Sam Wales, who thought it would be a good idea to give this privilege to the cadets and at the same time helping the cooks in the kitchens as well as the cadets waiters.

Incidentally this was a custom used by other prep schools long before this time.

O.D. Takes Cadets

Way back in 1909-1910 it was a custom for the O.D. to walk with or march the cadets down to the Fort. They were not permitted to leave unless accompanied by the Officer of the Day.

John Ireland, Class 1954, Passes West Point Exams

John Rich Ireland, III, has successfully passed the mental and physical examinations for entrance to the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., according to information received from the War Department by the academy.



John Ireland was assigned to Stuart Field, N. Y., where he was prepped for the military academy.

While at Augusta he engaged in Varsity Football; was captain of the Fencing Team and played baseball. He was Captain of "D" Co., the Roller Rifles, Honor Committee, Bayonet and Recall Staffs, etc.

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"J" Barracks News Column

Edited and Written by Juniors

Have you heard the squealing and yelling in Lily Valley lately? Don't be alarmed, it's only the Juniors playing ball. They are having a contest.

One team under Rhode and Giammaria have Garrett, Lovell, M., Jeager, P., Nadrean, Morgan, Hubbard, Levin, Parra, Petty, T., Snyder, L., Spillan and Staudt.

The other team under Collins and reile have Crawford, Rogers, Corbell, N., Corbell, T., Cutright, Lovell, W., Sales, Link, Vetencourt, Womer, Abdullallah, Bickford, Spindel, Wales, and Grammar.

Collins team home run kings are, Collins, Grammar, Parra, Levin, Rogers, and Giammaria. His team won three out of four games.

Now for soft ball, track, swimming. Three cheers for the winning side. The losing side has to cook (?) supper. Captain Lucas is the official coach and umpire. Captain Davis kept a look out at first base.

FOUNDERS DAY HOLIDAY

Thirty one happy juniors went to see Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home on the mountain top in Charlottesville. We were impressed, Thomas Jefferson must have been

a wonderful person. There were so many beautiful things there.

Then we stopped at Alan Cutright's home and had a cook out. Boy, you haven't tasted hamburgers until you have eaten what Mrs. Thompson fixes.

Mrs. Cutright gave us salad, cookies, cakes, tea and home made ice cream—two whole freezers full. She had bananas, chocolates, nut mixtures and strawberries if you wanted to make a Sunday, or banana split.

Mrs. Cutright got three horses out and did some of the Juniors ride! Johnny Bickford found nests of eggs in the hay too. We all played ball.

Then we went to see how orchids grow. Mrs. Wiebold explained about orchids very well for us. It was very interesting. After supper, tired, but happy we started home. We wish we could go often.

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Cutright for one of the best times we ever had. Thank you Cadet Saunders for driving. Thank you Captain Lucas, Mrs. Thompson, Lt. Coleman, and Captain and Mrs. Davis for being with us. Thank you Col. Roller for letting us go.

Doug Trainum Heads Y.M.C.A. For 1955-56

Douglas Trainum was named President of the Y.M.C.A. for the 1955-56 session at a meeting held Sunday, May 22.



Trainum

Trainum is in his 3rd year at Augusta and is Cadet Sergeant Major and a member of the Roller Rifles. When notified of his selection, Trainum stated: "This, to me, is the greatest honor that has come to me since I entered Augusta and it is with the deepest sense of humility and realization of the honor and the responsibilities that have been placed on my shoulders. I shall try my best to live up to the faith that has been placed in me."

LATIN AMERICA, THEME OF 1955 FINAL BALL

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white carrying red roses with white orchids.

The officers will wear dress coats with their dates in white carrying red carnations and white gardenias.

The N.C.O.'s will also be in dress coats with their dates carrying red roses and white gardenia corsages.

All Latin American nations have sent decorations for the side walls.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Dean Hudson and his Orchestra.

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Bayonet Takes First Place S.I.P.A. Award

The Augusta Bayonet won First Place Honors at the 26th Annual Southern Interscholastic Press Association meeting held at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., on April 29 and 30.

This Honor is a repetition for the Bayonet won the same rating last year at the same convention.

Steve Tomasek and Roy Pope represented Augusta at this meeting. Pope attended the criticism or the newspapers while Tomasek attended the yearbook clinic.

The Bayonet will be entered in the Quill and Scroll Society Critical Survey as well as the National Scholastic Press Association All-American Contest. First Place honors were won in 1954 in these two contests.

Principal Attends Association Military Colleges And Schools

Col. Charles S. Roller, Jr., attended the 39th annual meeting of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States held March 22 in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The principal feature of the meeting was an address by Lt. Gen. Walter L. Weible, deputy chief of staff for O.A.A. Department of the Army.

His subject was the "Implementation of the military preparatory schools in view of the expanded ROTC program which goes in effect this Fall.

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